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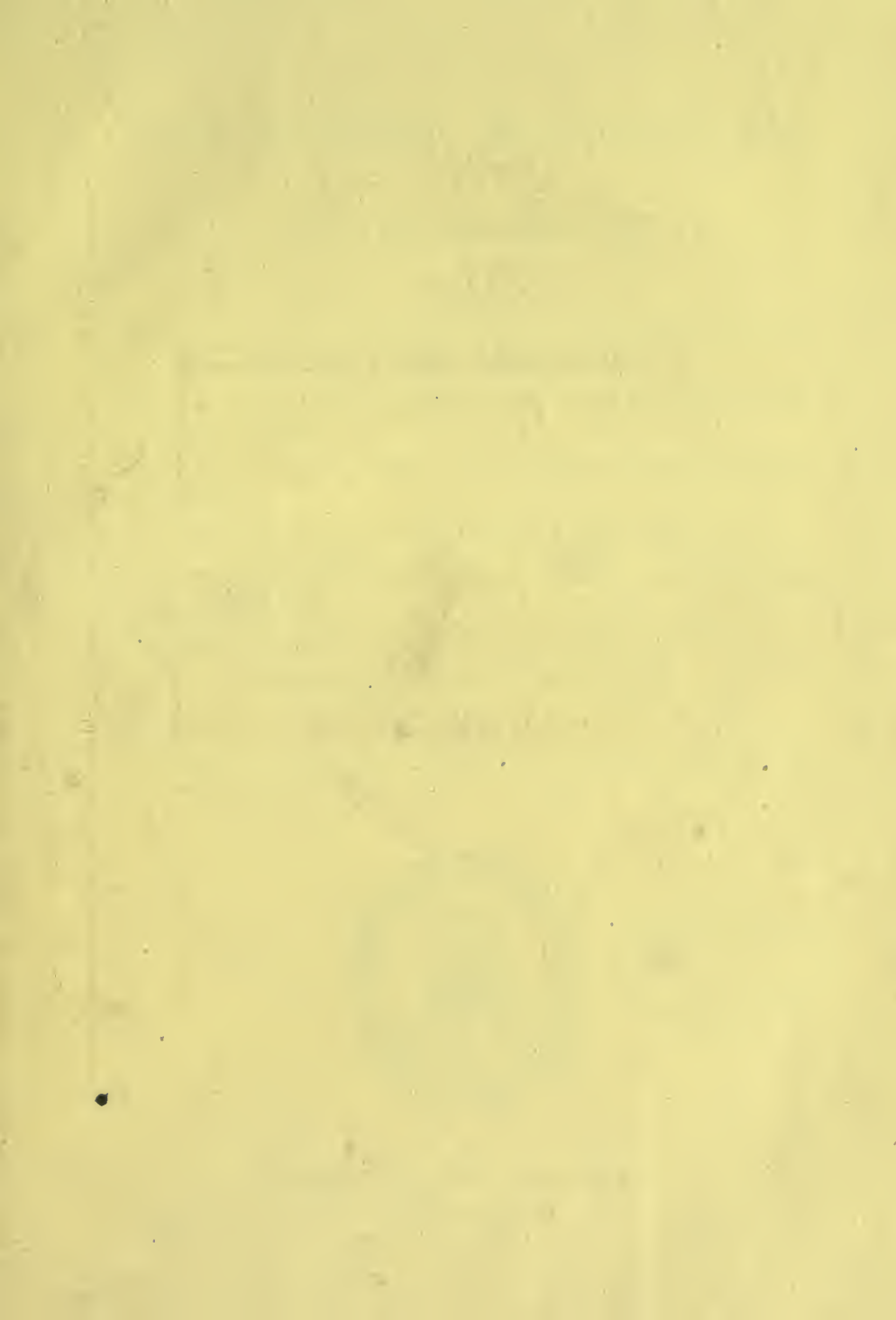
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## P R E F A C E .

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The few letters which follow came quite recently into the possession of the British Museum. But little introduction is needed to them. The Thompson family was a very prominent one in York in the seventeenth century, and some account of it is given by the late Mr. Robert Davies in his *Life of Marmaduke Rawdon*, printed by the Camden Society in 1863. Sir John Reresby, who must have known most members of it very well, speaks of some of them as "very anti-monarchical persons." Henry Thompson was elected for York city in the Parliament which met in March 1690, and was dissolved in October 1695. He was an ancestor of the present Lord Wenlock, whose seat is at Escrick.



LETTERS

OF

RICHARD THOMPSON TO  
HIS BROTHER HENRY.

[Egerton MSS. 2429A.]

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DEAREST BRO.

[1684.]

Tho I have no business nor news to send you, yet write I must, if it be only to plague you for y<sup>t</sup> silence; but (to confess a truth) I myself take a vast pleasure in this sort of entertainment; and this way of enjoying you by y<sup>e</sup> strength of imagination is y<sup>e</sup> only consolation left me, for y<sup>e</sup> want of y<sup>e</sup> reall enjoyment. And since my fancy runs low I shall supply y<sup>e</sup> defect of it by telling you 2 or 3 idle stories which fly about town. T'other day (then to fall upon y<sup>e</sup> matter) one Mr. Evelyn, son to y<sup>e</sup> virtuoso Evelyn, and Mr. Foster with another gentleman, were all in a certain musick club room, after having drunk to a great pitch, and it happen'd that one of 'em, finding himself dispos'd to be musicall, took up a violin and began to fumble upon it. Mr. Evelyn, having likewise an harmonious soul, was resolv'd to bear some part in y<sup>e</sup> musick, and, being able to do nothing else, kept time with a great heavy case knife y<sup>t</sup> laid very conveniently for y<sup>e</sup> purpose upon y<sup>e</sup> table; y<sup>e</sup> other gentleman, Mr. Foster, while his camarades were in y<sup>e</sup> heat of action, chanc'd by ill luck to lay his finger on y<sup>t</sup> part of y<sup>e</sup> table

upon which his neighbour beat time, and whether it was y<sup>e</sup> man's ill genius guided his hand or how it came about, adhuc sub judice est, but he cut y<sup>e</sup> poor finger of, with y<sup>e</sup> greatest dexterity imaginable, insomuch y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> surgeons do all admire y<sup>e</sup> man's address in nicking y<sup>e</sup> joint so critically. However its a bad wind y<sup>t</sup> blows no body profit, and this ill accident is likely to make work for y<sup>e</sup> lawyers, y<sup>e</sup> man y<sup>t</sup> is maim'd designing to bring his action of assault and battery against his companion. We have every day actions of scandalum magnatum brought against some honest fellow or other; not long since there was one brought against Mr. Gelstrop, an apothecary, for speaking scandalous words ag<sup>st</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Duke. Dick Nelthorp<sup>a</sup> had a false allarum given him, and was inform'd y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> action was against him, y<sup>e</sup> nearness of y<sup>e</sup> names raising y<sup>e</sup> mistake; but it put him in a horrible sweat and spoyl'd his sleep for one night, so y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> next morning he was for decamping and packing up his tools and away beyond sea; but y<sup>e</sup> next day, to his unspeakable joy, he was undeceiv'd, and so his voyage stopt. The report too of y<sup>e</sup> scandalum against Williams, y<sup>e</sup> quondam Speaker,<sup>b</sup> was founded upon a like mistake, for it is really ag<sup>st</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Trevor Williams. Not long since a clergy-man came into a coffee house with some of his acquaintance, amongst whom was Poet Flatman.<sup>c</sup> Ye Levite told his friends of a design y<sup>t</sup> he had to take a spouse, and desir'd each of 'em to give him something towards housekeeping, which their generosity made no scruple to doe; but knowing Mr. Flatman to be in a poetick condition and y<sup>t</sup> he had but very little of y<sup>e</sup> bona fortunae, as y<sup>e</sup> philosophers call it (quoth Mr. Slip), he only beg'd of him a motto for his wedding ring. Mr. Flatman cou'd not

<sup>a</sup> Richard Nelthorpe, a barrister, was implicated in the Rye House Plot, and afterwards in the Monmouth Rebellion.

<sup>b</sup> William Williams, recorder of Chester and member for that city, was elected Speaker in October 1680; and filled the same office during the short parliament which sat at Oxford in March 1681. He conducted the prosecution of the Seven Bishops. Sir Trevor Williams sat many years for Monmouthshire.

<sup>c</sup> Thomas Flatman, born about 1633, was educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford. His poems were printed in 1682. He died in 1688.



deny so reasonable a suit, and, knowing y<sup>e</sup> size of y<sup>e</sup> parson's abilities and being acquainted with y<sup>e</sup> dimensions of his spouse in future, he told y<sup>e</sup> pedagogue gentleman he wou'd supply him out of his friend Lilly, and so presented him with y<sup>e</sup> motto of *Sus atque Sacerdos*. Tom Rymer<sup>a</sup> is writing y<sup>e</sup> history of y<sup>e</sup> Barons' warrs; to this end he has rummag'd all y<sup>e</sup> libraries in town and ferreted all y<sup>e</sup> old manuscripts he cou'd lay his hands on. He is now gone to my L<sup>d</sup> Stamford's in Leicestershire, who desired y<sup>e</sup> favour of his company, and promis'd him y<sup>e</sup> use of his own library (which is an excellent one) for y<sup>e</sup> carrying on his laudable design. I suppose you have seen y<sup>e</sup> lives of Plutarch, *i.e.* y<sup>e</sup> first volume of y<sup>e</sup> translation, to which is prefix'd an epistle to y<sup>e</sup> D. of Ormond by J. Dryden, which is y<sup>e</sup> most nauseous satyr y<sup>t</sup> was ever penn'd, and they say y<sup>e</sup> Duke himself is extreemly offended with it, because he makes him an Irishman, whereas he was born in London; this nettles y<sup>e</sup> Duke devilishly, and I hope he may have y<sup>e</sup> grace to bring an action of scandalum ag<sup>st</sup> him for't. We may expect y<sup>e</sup> next volume to be much better done than this. Dr. Sprat and T. Rymer have each of 'em a life in't. Sed quousque tandem, say you. Well, I'll abuse y<sup>r</sup> patience no longer, and only add my sincere protestations of being all my life,

Dear bro.

Your most affect. bro. and humble serv<sup>t</sup>,

R. THOMPSON.

My service pray to Philip.

Prince and Monsieur Gibson, Mun Waller, and y<sup>e</sup> rest, often remember you. I add nothing to my L<sup>d</sup> Mayor, because I hope you are so kind as always to assure him of my respects whenever you see him.

<sup>a</sup> Thomas Rymer, afterwards the well-known historiographer royal, and editor of the *Fœdera*, was probably born at Yafforth, in the North Riding; he was educated at Northallerton and Sidney College, Cambridge. The most complete account of him is to be found in the preface to the first volume of the late Sir T. Duffus Hardy's *Syllabus* of the *Fœdera*, published in 1869.



If you please you may tell my L<sup>d</sup> Mayor y<sup>t</sup> Mr. Sacheverill talks of him in y<sup>e</sup> London coffee houses as of y<sup>e</sup> greatest heroe of y<sup>e</sup> age. It is no small thing to merit y<sup>e</sup> praises of a person who, tho' all people commended him to y<sup>e</sup> world's end, yet can never be commended enough. So vous avez<sup>a</sup> my Lord Mayor.

Twenty kisses to little Harry de ma part.

Pray write me word how my father do's, it is long since I heard of him.

For Henry Thompson, Esq.  
in Eserick, near York.

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CARO MIO,

[February, 1688-9.]

I did not write to you y<sup>e</sup> last post, because I had not then seen Tom Rym<sup>r</sup> nor any man able to inform me tolerably of y<sup>e</sup> present state of affairs. I thought by this post to receiv light enough to give you som smal account of afairs, but truly after having talk'd with several of my friends, I do not find my self in any condition to satisfie you. I do not send you y<sup>e</sup> adress nor y<sup>e</sup> K.'s answer, becaus you will certainly have 'em at y<sup>e</sup> Caffé houses. You will find y<sup>e</sup> K.'s speech to be extreamly gracious and not less handsom, and to my thinking ther is something in it, of y<sup>e</sup> manner of Dr. Burnet. You may suppose y<sup>t</sup> upon so extraordinary a turn, all people can not be satisfied, y<sup>e</sup> Church of Engl: seem rather to comply outwardly then from y<sup>e</sup> heart, tho tis thought ther wil not be above two or three Bps. who wil refuse y<sup>e</sup> oaths. Ken and Ely are guess'd to be two of y<sup>e</sup> obstinate refusers. You know their characters.<sup>b</sup> Danby and Hallif: seem to be in great favour, tho' ther is an honest party y<sup>t</sup> peck at 'em. It is not known who are of y<sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup> *Sic.*

<sup>b</sup> Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Turner, Bishop of Ely, were both deprived of their bishoprics for declining the oath of allegiance.

K.'s Cabinet—Benting<sup>a</sup> is y<sup>e</sup> premier favourite, tho' his parts seem to be rather solid than fine. I believe y<sup>e</sup> K. himself has y<sup>e</sup> best head; he is close, says little, hears all, and whether you tell him things agreeable, or disagreeable, preservs y<sup>e</sup> same meen. Matters are carried with deep secrecy, and in al apearance they can not miscarry under so great a King. My Lord Churchil, and Kirk, were not look'd upon with a very good eye, so y<sup>e</sup> first is to be sent a coñander into Holland, y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> into Ireland. The parliam<sup>t</sup> seems to proceed slowly. Dr. Burnet is Bp. of Salisbury, and perhaps will be remov'd to Durham. Bob Sawyer<sup>b</sup> has retir'd himself upon y<sup>e</sup> enquiry's made by y<sup>e</sup> Committee of grievances. Tom Rymer and I drank y<sup>r</sup> health this afternoon. Y<sup>e</sup> little burgess has sent for me, so I am forc't to cut short. My service to my sister, &c., to Ned, and al y<sup>e</sup> fox-hunters.

For Henry Thompson, Esq<sup>re</sup>,  
at Escrick, near York.

CARO MIO,

[March or April, 1689.]

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Y<sup>e</sup> Parliam<sup>t</sup> men know nothing, and our brave esprits—T. Rymer, Dr. Blackmore,<sup>c</sup> &c.—with whom last night I drank y<sup>r</sup> health, are al in y<sup>e</sup> dark. The K. seems to be complaisant to al parties, espouses no faction, which is y<sup>e</sup> reason why no one sett of men admire him. He has reason. The Bp. of Lond. [Compton] has som stroak; he has put in, in one county, several Tory justices of y<sup>e</sup> peace, for

<sup>a</sup> William Bentinck, afterwards Earl and Duke of Portland.

<sup>b</sup> Sir Robert Sawyer, Knt. was member for Cambridge University. He had been Attorney-General, and at this time was attacked by the Whigs for his part in the trial and condemnation of Sir Thomas Armstrong. He died in 1692.

<sup>c</sup> Richard Blackmore, poet and physician, knighted by King William. He was a favourite butt of the satirists of that age, otherwise his writings would have been forgotten.

which y<sup>e</sup> Whigs let fly at him, but there may be a trick in't. It is a general complaint, y<sup>t</sup> he and his family govern my Ld. Chamberlain (my Ld. Dorset). I am pleas'd with it. Thus much for publick news; I must now beg leave to talk with you of private. My Lady Calverley, who says she can't endure to see a person of my rank shut up in such a lowsy apartment, as I am at present confin'd to, has generously offer'd to lend me 200*l*. in order to buy me a chamber in y<sup>e</sup> Inn. There has accordingly fal'n out a convenience of one just under L. Agar, which I might be able to compass provided I cou'd find credit in y<sup>e</sup> world for y<sup>e</sup> borrowing 150*l*. It wou'd be a fine establishment for my life, and y<sup>e</sup> chambers are always worth y<sup>e</sup> mony y<sup>t</sup> is demanded for 'em. . . . .

For Henry Thompson, Esq<sup>r</sup>,  
At Escrick, near York.

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CARO MIO,

[April, 1689.]

I wonder I have not heard from you since I came to town, you are two letters in arrear to me. Our proceedings of parliam<sup>t</sup> seem to be very slow. I don't send you y<sup>e</sup> votes of y<sup>e</sup> houses, becaus they are comon, and you can not miss 'em at y<sup>e</sup> public houses. Ther are two or 3 of y<sup>e</sup> Bps. y<sup>t</sup> stil hold out ag<sup>st</sup> reason, and y<sup>e</sup> oaths, 'tis a wonder there are no more; Canterbury, Ely, Bath and Wels. The Bp. of Rochester [Sprat] has writ a handsom letter to justifie or excuse y<sup>e</sup> part he had in y<sup>e</sup> ecclesiactical comission; he addresses y<sup>e</sup> letter to my L<sup>d</sup> Dorset, it is printed, and I supose you may have it at York. Watson is likewise a dissenting Bp. A propos of him, I met last night y<sup>e</sup> University Oratour Billers,<sup>a</sup> with whom I had two hours conversation. I perceiv by him y<sup>e</sup> Cantabs are for y<sup>e</sup> most part disaffected, they do not so much as pray for y<sup>e</sup> K. and Q.

<sup>a</sup> J. Billers, LL.B. of St. John's College, was elected public orator of Cambridge in 1681.



at St. Marie's. It is impossible this shou'd not be resented ill, so they are contriving an oath for al Clergymen to take, all y<sup>e</sup> refusers of which are to be turn'd out of their livings. A bill is brought down to reverse y<sup>e</sup> attainder of my L<sup>d</sup> Russel. Soll. Finch made a speech in y<sup>e</sup> house, to satisfie y<sup>em</sup> concerning y<sup>e</sup> part he acted in y<sup>t</sup> tragedy, but y<sup>e</sup> harangue was ill relish'd. My L<sup>d</sup> De la Mere has writ observations upon my L<sup>d</sup> Russels tryal, but I fear they are of no great force; however 'tis sure he is full of indignation ag<sup>st</sup> y<sup>e</sup> family of y<sup>e</sup> Notingham's. 'Tis thought Notingham is in to gain y<sup>e</sup> Churchmen, but I doubt they will neither lead nor drive. For y<sup>e</sup> rest, matters go on calmly, and by consequence wisely, y<sup>e</sup> hot men speak ill of Benting, and for y<sup>t</sup> reason I guess him a man of prudence. We have nothing to fear but too much eagernes. I find by Harry Trenchard, who is himself warm, y<sup>t</sup> they are apt to overdo, they are for removing in an instant al y<sup>e</sup> old instruments to that purpose. Jack How<sup>a</sup> told em in y<sup>e</sup> hous y<sup>t</sup> if in y<sup>e</sup> cobler's shop, y<sup>e</sup> same lasts, y<sup>e</sup> same tools were found, it was y<sup>e</sup> old cobler's shop stil; thus violent are they, they wou'd not leave so much as one last in y<sup>e</sup> shop. I have run my self out of breath, and wish you heartily a good night.

Y<sup>rs</sup>.

My service to al at home; Mr. Tailour, &c.

Tuesday.

For Henry Thompson, Esq.  
at Eserick, near York.

CARO MIO,

[Dec. 1693?]

*Quid cum illis agas, qui neque jus, neque aequum sciunt?* said y<sup>e</sup> comœdian, before Deans and Chapters were instituted indeed, but having an eye without doubt upon their deanships in futurity. In

<sup>a</sup> M.P. for Cirencester, and vice-chamberlain to Queen Mary at this time, the "quick-witted, restless, and malignant politician," celebrated by Macaulay.

effect they are odd things to deal with. In answer to y<sup>r</sup> letter, I think it proper enough to send you one I received from Mr. Rob: Squire, formerly by which you wil find y<sup>e</sup> Dean's demands run something higher then they did, and y<sup>t</sup> there seems to be a change in y<sup>e</sup> church-measurs. Methinks when they talk of rents, or clear yearly value, they shou'd have som regard to what Tenants will, and do pay, as well as to what they ought to pay . . . . .

My Lord Colchester,<sup>a</sup> who was thought to be taken by y<sup>e</sup> French, is safely arriv'd. T. Rymer is going to pursue his critique upon som mor of y<sup>e</sup> old celebrated plays, and to lay down further instructions for y<sup>e</sup> reformation of y<sup>e</sup> stage. Y<sup>r</sup> Diocesan is preparing for his journey into Yorkshire. They say in town, y<sup>e</sup> poll-mony fals short of what was expected, y<sup>e</sup> tradesmen all swearing themselves off. I want to hear wh<sup>t</sup> becoms of Scarb: elect. it makes a great noise here.<sup>b</sup> My service to every body.

Thursday.

For Henry Thompson, Esq.

Member of Parliam<sup>t</sup>,

at Escrick, near York.

<sup>a</sup> Richard Savage, who succeeded his father in the Earldom of Rivers in 1694; father of the poet Savage.

<sup>b</sup> On 11 Dec. 1693, Viscount Irwin was returned for Scarborough in the place of Francis Thompson, deceased.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL  
OF  
THE CAMDEN SOCIETY,

READ AT THE GENERAL MEETING

ON THE 2ND MAY, 1883.

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THE Council of the Camden Society has to regret the loss of two of its Members—

EVELYN PHILIP SHIRLEY, Esq. M.A.

J. R. DANIEL-TYSEN, Esq. F.S.A.

who have died during the past year, and of

HENRY HILL, Esq. F.S.A.

who had for many years acted in the most efficient manner as one of the Auditors to the Society, and who was at all times most helpful in giving advice on financial questions.

The Council has also to regret the loss by death of the following Members:—

DECIMUS BURTON, Esq. F.S.A.

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The following have been elected Members of the Society during the past year:—

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In the last Report, the Council expressed a fear that, in consequence of financial pressure, it would be unable to issue to the subscribers of the years 1882-3 more than one book, the CATHOLICON ANGLICUM. Fortunately, the financial situation cleared up as the year proceeded, and, if not before the Annual Meeting, the Members will very soon afterwards have in their hands the eighth volume of the CAMDEN MISCELLANY. These publications have always been favourably regarded, and the Council trusts that, on this occasion, the matter furnished will be thought of at least equal interest to that given in any of the preceding volumes of this Miscellany.

In the forthcoming year, unless unforeseen accidents occur, three volumes will be published:—

1. The Official Narrative of the Cadiz Voyage in 1625. Edited by the Rev. A. B. GROSART, D.D.
2. Gabriel Hervey's Note Book. Edited by E. SCOTT, Esq.
3. Selections from the Lauderdale Papers, Vol. I. Edited by OSMUND AIRY, Esq.

Of these, the first gives a full account of an expedition in the reign of Charles I. the failure of which was attended with important political results; the second throws light upon life in the University of Cambridge in the age of Elizabeth; whilst the third will illustrate the Restoration in Scotland, and clear up what has hitherto been a dark page of history. Amongst other valuable information it will, it is hoped, set at rest controversy on the character of Archbishop Sharpe.

The Council, in conclusion, would express a hope that the publication of these three volumes will be taken as evidence of their anxiety to throw a light upon the history of the country, and will thereby induce some of those who take an interest in that history, and who are not yet subscribers, to support them in the efforts which they are making.

By order of the Council,

SAMUEL RAWSON GARDINER, *Director.*

ALFRED KINGSTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS.

WE, the Auditors appointed to audit the Accounts of the Camden Society, report to the Society, that the Treasurer has exhibited to us an Account of the Receipts and Expenditure from the 1st of April 1882 to the 31st of March 1883, and that we have examined the said accounts, with vouchers relating thereto, and find the same to be correct and satisfactory.

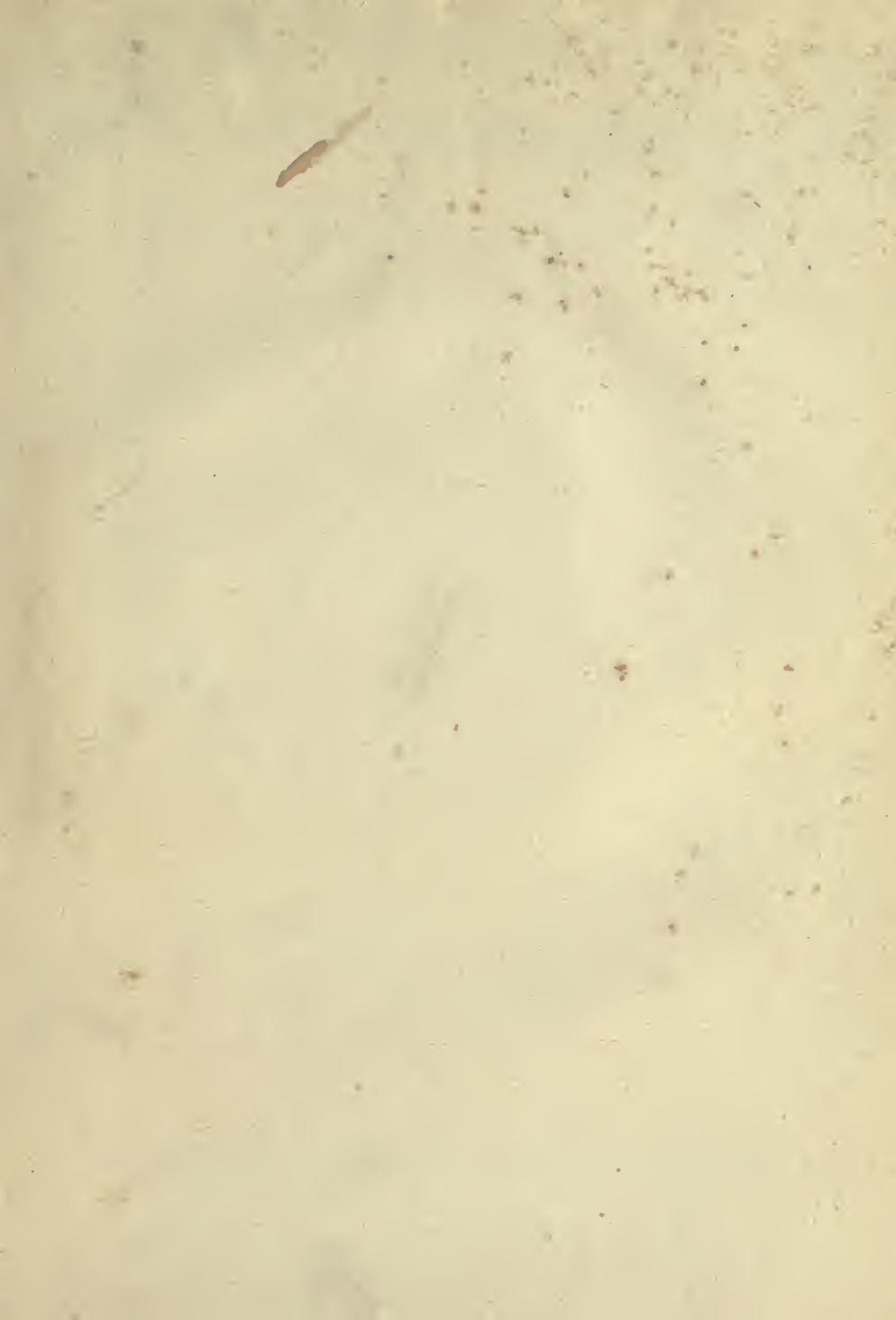
And we further report that the following is an Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure during the period we have mentioned:—

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